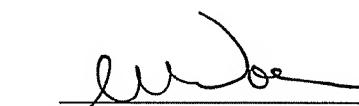


REMARKS

Applicant certainly appreciates the allowance of Claims 5, 9, and 10, and the suggestions offered by the Examiner to overcome the objections to Claims 20 - 22. Accordingly, independent Claim 20 was rewritten with the language of canceled Claim 22 (and to overcome the objection to Claim 20), and Claim 21 was rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to **Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587.**

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